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# Foreword

In this, the fifth volume of the *Cat's Tale*, we have tried to catch a glimpse of life as we know it in our high school. May each page bring back pleasant memories which will be cherished in years to come.



# *Dedication*



In appreciation of a teacher whose valuable instruction of countless boys and girls has launched them upon successful careers; of a friend whose lofty ideals and loyal service have inspired students to higher goals, we, the *Cat's Tale* Staff of 1948, dedicate this book to our indispensable business adviser

**Miss Alice Weber**  
*Head of the Mathematics Department*  
*of*  
*Morganton High School*

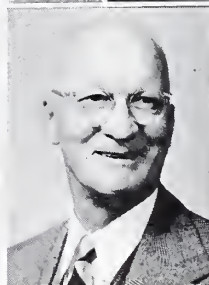
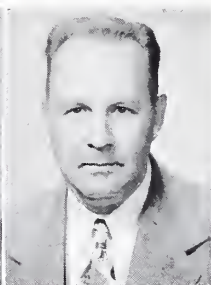
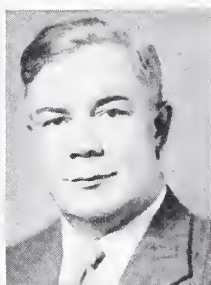
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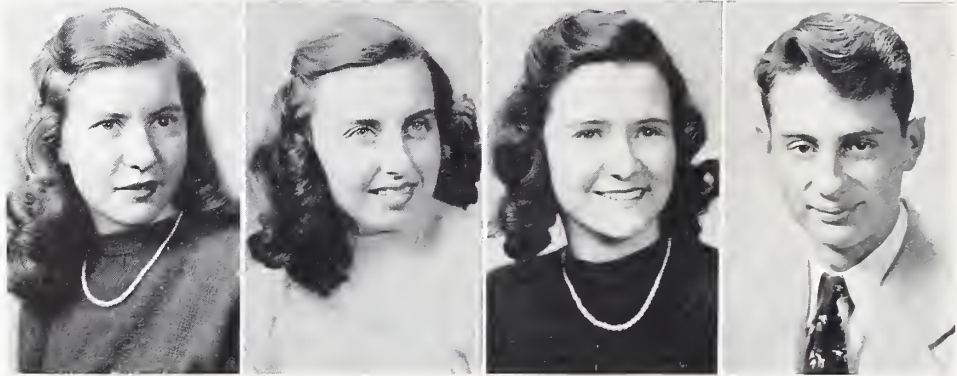




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CLASS COLORS  
Gray and Yellow

MASCOTS  
Buddy Allman  
Charlotte Williams

CLASS FLOWER  
Yellow Rose

CLASS MOTTO  
We launched today; where shall we anchor?

# SENIORS

Clarence Arney

*Smooth temper . . . never troubles trouble 'til trouble troubles him . . . a swell friend.*



Sue Barnwell

*Home economics scholar . . . unruffled . . . true blue . . . expressive eyes.*



Jean Elizabeth Beach

*Abundant curls . . . heartbreaker . . . cute way of talking . . . quiet.*



Mabel Bollinger

*Immaculate . . . greatly valued . . . precious things come in small packages . . . pretty.*



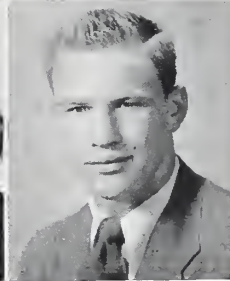
Marjorie Naomi Bowers

*"Margie" . . . cute, and sweet as they come . . . smile and the world smiles with you.*



Jack A. Branch

*Good build . . . alert . . . obliging type . . . pitches a good ball . . . friendly.*



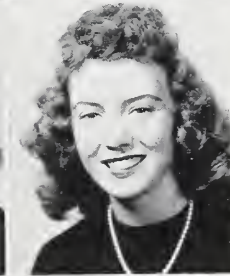
Betty Sue Braswell

*Altogether likeable . . . graceful . . . capable . . . winning personality.*



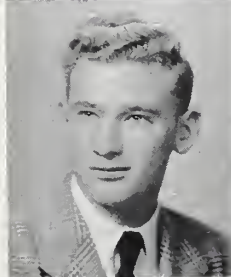
Sara Breedon

*"Sis" . . . little, cute, and popular . . . peppy cheerleader . . . good student . . . cupid's victim.*



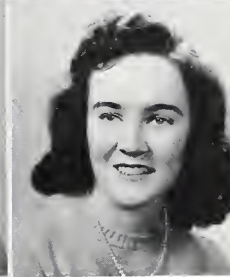
Kelly Brendle

*Curly hair . . . flirty eyes . . . mischievous . . . likes school-work (?) . . . forever telling yarns!*



Martha Byrd

*"Birdie" . . . loves "Stardust" . . . original . . . gregarious . . . studiously denies being studious.*



Robert Byrd

*"Bird Brain" . . . clarinet wizard . . . good speaker . . . ambling walk . . . he's a bird!*



Paul Caldwell, Jr.

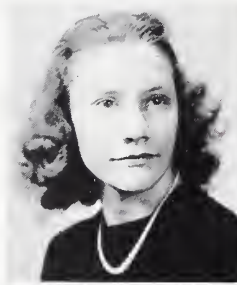
*"Keyhole" . . . wonderful dancer . . . always full of pep . . . in on everything . . . likes red.*



# SENIORS

**Helen Carswell**

*Sma-a-r-r, I reckon! . . . attractively different . . . does everything just right.*



**Charles Carter**

*Capable Business Manager . . . crinkly eyes . . . neat dresser . . . fun to be with . . . plays hard to get!*

**Earl Causby**

*"Skeeter" . . . not too big, but fast mover . . . good at baseball and basketball . . . friendly.*



**Agnes Cloer**

*Quiet attractiveness . . . you can count on her . . . pretty complexion . . . ivory teeth.*

**Earline Clontz**

*Small in stature, but big in heart . . . pleasant to talk to . . . keeps on the go.*

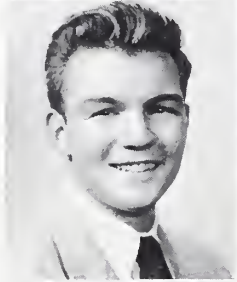


**Barbara Joan Cochran**

*Talks with her hands . . . flutter-tongued . . . always a friendly greeting to everyone.*

**Jimmy Connelly**

*"C'Nelly" . . . smooth . . . very good looking . . . lover of the gridiron . . . likes the girls.*

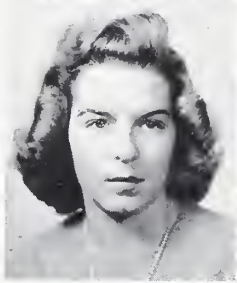


**Betty Crawley**

*Pleasant smile for everyone . . . fair complexion . . . easy to please . . . good companion.*

**Agnes Marie Crook**

*"Agg" . . . big cut-up . . . gay and alert . . . sports minded . . . swell tooter . . . fun*



**Sue Curlee**

*Tall, dark, and pretty . . . conscientious . . . diligent . . . admirable . . . enthusiastic.*

**Edith Curtis**

*"Curt" . . . good-looking brunette . . . jolly . . . "Dark Eyes" . . . cute nose.*



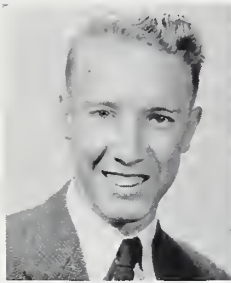
**Margaret H. Cuthbertson**

*Songbird . . . girl of many talents . . . grand school spirit . . . attentive.*

# SENIORS

Silas Dale

*Serious and polite . . . head in the sky . . . keeps his thoughts to himself . . . heart of gold.*



Viola Lorraine Dale

*Mary's pal . . . taciturn . . . bashful . . . a little on the serious side . . . nice.*



Jimmy Davis

*"Stump" or "Cueball" . . . good mixer . . . imperturbed . . . allergic to books . . . likes guns.*



Marie Draughon

*Sweet . . . golden hair . . . smooth, even personality . . . always has something interesting to say.*



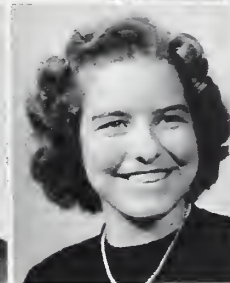
Mack Duckworth

*Quiet and agreeable . . . saunters along . . . takes life as it comes . . . rides a motor bike.*



Nellie Mae Duckworth

*Likes people, people like her . . . one of our finest . . . prompt and industrious.*



Lena Pearl Dula

*Quite a poetess . . . looks on the cheerful side of things . . . eyes that sparkle.*



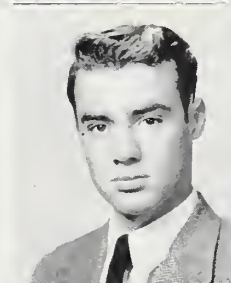
Frances F. Easom

*"Esau" . . . filled with the joy of living . . . amiable . . . chatter, chatter!*



Gene Evans

*Likes to hunt . . . has a good speaking voice . . . deep thinker . . . never brags . . . agreeable.*



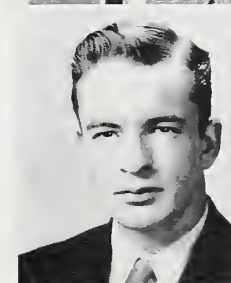
Marguerite Faulkner

*"Spoonful" . . . effervescent blonde . . . full of pep . . . baby voice . . . very talkative.*



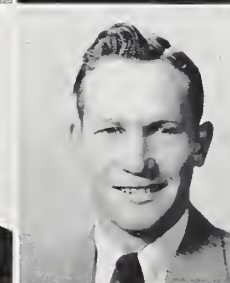
Johnny Fisher

*Slow and easy going . . . good disposition . . . earnest and unaffected . . . dependable.*



Robert Fleming

*Ex. G. I. . . level headed . . . his words are few and far between . . . good natured.*



# SENIORS

Paul Edgar Fox

*Veteran . . . jet black hair . . . always up to something . . . loves a good time.*



Peggy Fox

*Conscientious and understanding . . . sweet disposition . . . accommodating . . . nice.*

Sadie Clara Fox

*Has interests at State College . . . very pretty . . . sugar 'n spice 'n everything nice.*



Sara Fox

*Gentle voice . . . even disposition . . . pretty auburn hair . . . swell all-round girl . . . well-liked.*

Eva Garrison

*Matter-of-fact way . . . generous hearted . . . good natured . . . friendly manner.*



Frank Jones Garrison, Jr.

*"Bubba" . . . enjoys life . . . never misses any excitement . . . always causes an uproar.*

Julia Garrison

*Sweetheart complexion . . . big brown eyes . . . good sport . . . the clash of a cymbal!*



Ellen Symboline Grady

*"Sim" . . . tranquil soul . . . speaks softly . . . true blue-eyed blonde . . . ladylike.*

Mary Louise Grady

*Practical . . . fun to be with . . . often seen with Taru . . . cute grin . . . rosy cheeks.*

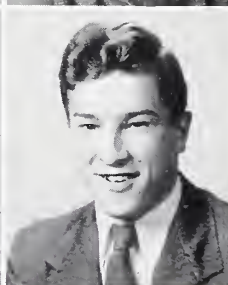


Connie Gragg

*Quiet and studious . . . heart of gold . . . easy to please . . . thoughtful . . . independent.*

Mary Lillian Graham

*Small and smiling . . . industriously lazy . . . undisturbed by anything . . . likes funny stories.*



L. C. Harrill

*Good physique . . . backbone of baseball team . . . cunning grin . . . seldom serious.*

# SENIORS

Bessie Marie Hallyburton

*Individual . . . if it cost her to talk, she'd be bankrupt! . . . everybody's pal.*



Betty Jane Hawkins

*Artistic miss . . . clarinet tooter . . . hair that charms . . . likes excitement.*

Doris Gertrude Helminger

*Striking good looks . . . mid-winter sun tan . . . giggle box . . . twinkling eyes.*



Anna Lee Henderson

*Very sweet . . . rosy cheeks . . . a smile for everyone . . . grand personality.*

Barbara Ann Henderson

*Strauberry blonde . . . it's a pleasure to know her . . . light hearted and contented.*



Harold Hicks

*"Chick" . . . bass player . . . likes Valdese . . . nothing worries him . . . great kidder.*

Maurice Hill

*"Sonny" and "Ricey" . . . indispensable worker . . . swell clarinet and sax player . . . good looking plus!*

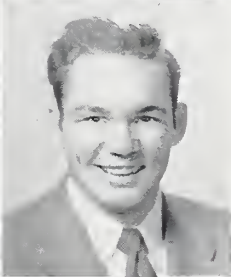
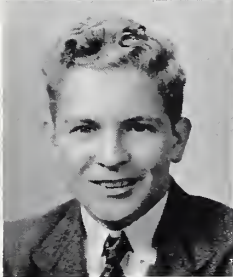


Jack Hogan

*Ambitious . . . small and sincere . . . good student . . . easy to get along with.*

Horace H. Holder, Jr.

*Waves that make you seasick . . . hearty laugh . . . cordial manner . . . neatly dressed.*



W. A. Hord

*"Crab" . . . big jitterbug . . . peroxide . . . super linesman . . . man about town.*

Charles Hyder

*Quiet and serious (sometimes) . . . well-informed . . . catches the eye of the girls without trying.*



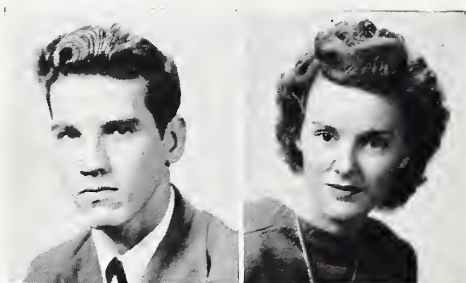
Grace Jahn

*Unhurried speech . . . flutist . . . does her shave, and then some . . . enthusiastic.*

# SENIORS

Max Jaquins

*"Dooger" . . . contagious laugh . . . lackadaisical . . . good looking . . . likes to talk.*



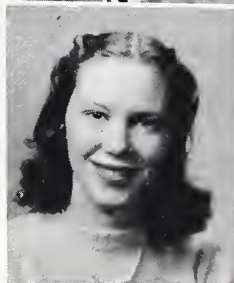
Laura Ann Jaynes

*"Lardy" . . . high-stepping major-ette . . . turned up nose . . . likes to laugh.*



Barbara Keaton

*Blue eyes that dance . . . loves to laugh . . . never allows a dull moment around her.*



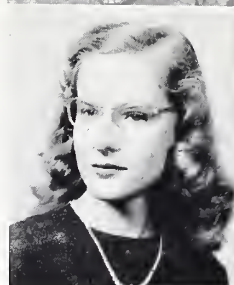
Jo Ann LaFavers

*Flippant . . . cute figure . . . likes a joke . . . that oriental look.*



Nina Belle Lane

*Tiny . . . bright blue eyes . . . always gay and talkative . . . sunny disposition.*



Dorothy Mabe

*"Dottie Cleo" . . . willowy . . . kind and considerate . . . dark and good looking . . . pretty eyes.*



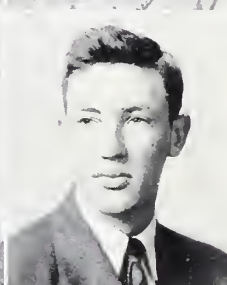
Nina Belle Mabe

*Likeable . . . really toots that horn . . . strives to please . . . light-hearted . . . fun.*



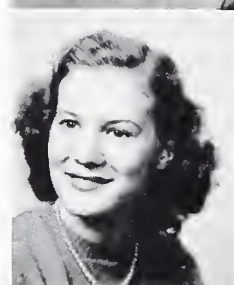
Jimmy McFadden

*"Todden" . . . football star . . . smooth dancer . . . always out for fun . . . "alreet".*



Ethel McFalls

*A touch of mischief . . . quick comeback . . . interested in everything . . . gleeful.*



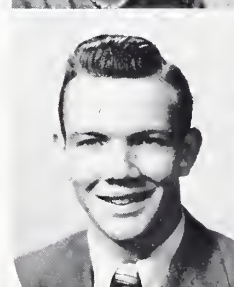
Betty McKnight

*Likes to giggle . . . peaches and cream complexion . . . loads of fun . . . football fan.*



Stanley Moore

*"Buddy" . . . good conversationalist . . . pool shark . . . dresses well . . . nice to know.*



Leona Moore

*Quiet little lass . . . big brown eyes . . . sweet and agreeable . . . cute laugh.*



# SENIORS

Maxine Morris

*Reserved 'til you know her . . .  
sweet, smart, 'n sophisticated . . .  
treads softly.*



Freida Mull

*Very friendly . . . reticent . . .  
thoughtful and unassuming . . .  
good student.*

Gaynell Mull

*"Gay" . . . faultlessly neat . . .  
tranquil . . . distinctly ladylike  
. . . willing worker.*



Jody Mundy

*Likes everybody . . . industrious  
. . . cheerful and lovable . . .  
the girl who keeps the "Cauldron"  
boiling.*

Mary Evelyn Newton

*"Lynn" . . . changeable coiffure  
. . . energy plus . . . never a dull  
moment with her.*



Clarence Orders

*Man of few words . . . easy to  
please . . . can do things with his  
hands . . . likes contests.*

Eloise Syble Orders

*Neatly dressed . . . sincere . . .  
likes people . . . soft prettiness  
. . . cute grin.*

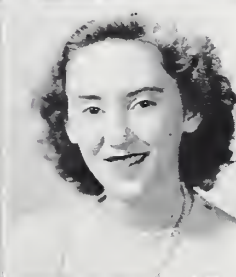


LaVone Orders

*Eyes "so blue" . . . shining smile  
. . . light hearted . . . wedding  
bells!*

Ella Mae Oxford

*"Cookie" . . . petite miss . . .  
stylish . . . coquettish ways . . .  
always lots of fun.*



Taru Palmer

*Lots of noise for a little girl . . .  
bubbling over with life . . .  
pretty auburn hair.*

Martha Patton

*Pretty hair and eyes . . . "latest  
model car" . . . likes life . . .  
faultlessly attired.*



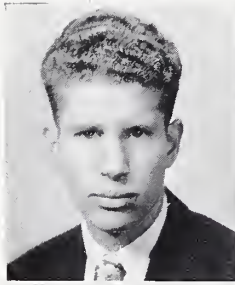
David Peeler

*"Goober" . . . never frowns. al-  
ways clowns . . . dresses well . . .  
soda shop fiend.*

# SENIORS

Robert Phillips

*Minds his own business . . . curly hair . . . always the same agreeable person.*



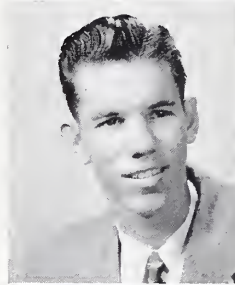
Oliver Poteet

*Amiable . . . non-talkative . . . level-headed . . . takes life as it comes . . . nice.*



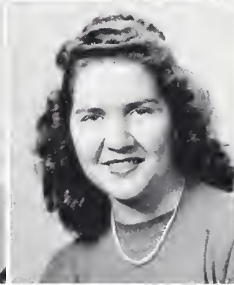
Gerald Queen

*Tall, dark, and handsome . . . can't be hurried or worried . . . football back . . . big grin.*



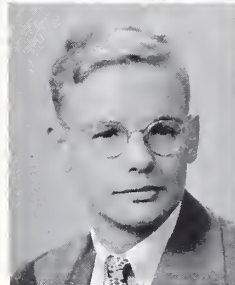
Carolyn Ramsey

*Liquid eyes . . . gets around . . . blues chaser . . . likes crowds . . . takes life easy.*



Edward McKee Rankin

*Mechanically minded . . . likes airplanes . . . amateur photographer . . . "What are you doing tonight?"*



Mary Jane Ross

*"Miss America" . . . neat 'n sweet . . . grand pal . . . rosy cheeks . . . interesting!*



Douglas Sanders

*"Slick" . . . fun-loving . . . flashy scooter . . . dare-devil . . . grand personality . . . ready wit.*



Evelyn Elizabeth Saulman

*Never met a stranger . . . "chuckles" . . . very conscientious . . . cute little package.*



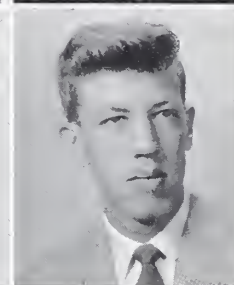
Fred Secrest

*Trumpeteer . . . nonchalant . . . terror of the highways . . . girls don't bother him (or do they?)*



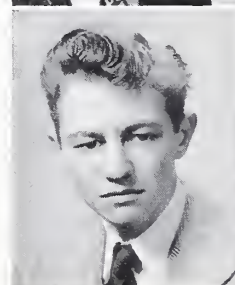
Joe Secrest

*Grand baritone and bass player . . . ready smile . . . interesting to talk to . . . swell all-round boy.*



Dick Sigmon

*"Moon" . . . great alibi . . . full of bright remarks . . . original . . . bappy-go-lucky . . . likes to shag.*



"Tiny" Singleton

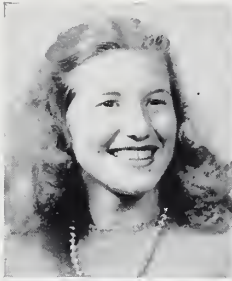
*Swell tennis player . . . reserved . . . thoughtful . . . nice to know . . . fun to be with.*



# SENIORS

**Audrey Celestine Smith**

*Willing to help . . . unrated  
friendliness . . . "Little Augie"  
. . . understanding.*



**Wink Smith**

*"Jarvis" . . . airplane addict . . .  
avid smoker . . . throws lessons  
to the winds.*

**Kathie Storey**

*Seems quiet, but lots of fun . . .  
grand student . . . cute and  
angelic . . . very efficient.*



**Modene Stroup**

*Gray matter galore . . . logical  
thinker . . . genuine . . . congenial  
. . . likeable personality.*

**Lillian Marie Swink**

*Innocent (?) angel . . . always  
talking . . . likes to read . . .  
"Little Miss Sunbeam."*



**Edward Teague**

*"Goof" . . . very original . . .  
scooter dare-devil . . . Einstein  
the second. . . keen sense of  
humor.*

**Gertrude Thompson**

*"Trudy" . . . natural good looks  
. . . neat as a pin . . . willowy  
. . . quiet charm.*



**William Tolbert**

*Moves at low speed . . . argu-  
mentative . . . likes the ladies  
. . . well liked.*

**Myrtle Walker**

*Happy-go-lucky . . . future sten-  
ographer . . . Virginia accent  
. . . short 'n sweet.*



**Joe Ward**

*"Wardo" . . . independent . . .  
good sport . . . that's why teach-  
ers get gray!*

**Ann Johnson Warlick**

*"Skeet" . . . devoted friend . . .  
curly locks . . . admirable and  
cooperative . . . a favorite.*



**Norma Welborn**

*Gay . . . personality plus . . .  
toothpaste smile . . . soothing  
voice . . . dynamic . . . giggle box.*

# SENIORS

Vergie Mae Wellman

*Easy on the eyes . . . good companion . . . calm, cool, and collected . . . popular.*

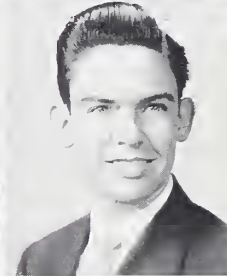
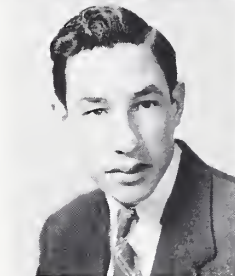


Dereama Whisenant

*"Deno" . . . chatterbox . . . ambitious . . . spontaneous smile . . . sweet gal . . . easy to get along with.*

Leonard Whisenant

*"Joe" . . . dark hair . . . strives to please . . . good speller . . . pleasing drawl.*



Allen Williams

*Soda jerk . . . big grin . . . very carefree . . . likes convertibles . . . ladies' man.*

Betty Jean Williams

*Strauberry blonde . . . expressive eyes . . . bubbling personality . . . cherub face.*



Betty Williams

*Brains, Inc. . . . talkative . . . one of our sweetest and best . . . cooperative . . . cute.*

## Camera Shy

Merle Irene Clay

*Short 'n sweet . . . gobs of friends . . . pretty hair . . . that sparkle on her finger!*

# CLASS WILL

We, the class of 1948, being of sane mind and sound body and knowing that our days are numbered in M. H. S., do hereby dispose of some of our most treasured belongings and qualities in this our last will and testament.

We know that we shall be greatly missed at M. H. S. For four long years we have been the students that the teachers have pointed out as model pupils. Soon, though, we must leave our books, our desks, and most of all the cheerful atmosphere of the school room to the lucky underclassmen. We know that our departure will be greatly lamented, but we must move on. We have a duty to perform; we must share our intelligence, good humor, and personality with the rest of the world.

*Article I:* To the faculty we leave a sincere thanks for the helpful guidance and wonderful consideration that they have so willingly shown us during our four years in M. H. S.

*Article II:* To the incoming seniors we leave the prestige that goes with being a senior.

*Article III:* To those who shall follow us we do humbly bequeath these our talents and endowments:

I, Douglas Sanders, after careful consideration do will and bequeath to Bert Harrell my particular style of leading the M. H. S. Band.

I, Sis Breeden, leave my popularity to any junior gal who has "what it takes" to go with it.

I, Doris Helminger, have decided that my artistic ability shall go to Marilyn Biggerstaff.

I, Earl Causby, regretfully leave my shy ways in English class to David Wilson.

We, Nellie Duckworth and Modene Stroupe, bequeath our places in the honor society to two especially intelligent juniors.

I, Audrey Smith, leave my cheerful smile to Willa Dean Harbison.

I, Paul Caldwell, sadly relinquish my ability to argue to Tommy Breeden.

I, Trudy Thompson, have come to the conclusion that Betty Lou Baker should have my blond hair.

I, Vergie Wellman, do leave my beauty to any gal that is out to get a man.

We, Robert Phillips, Horace Holder, and Kelly Brendle, agree to leave some of our curls to Pat Boyd and Larry Foster.

I, Betty Jean Williams, simply refuse to leave my voice to anyone. I like to use it too well.

I, Carolyn Ramsey, bequeath my home ec ability to Ann Crawley.

I, Evelyn Saulman, leave my pleasing voice to a loud-mouthed junior.

I, Johnny Fisher, feel that I must leave Billy England my great accomplishment—one-armed driving.

I, Charles Hyder, leave nothing—because a certain girl likes me the way I am.

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I, Jimmy McFadden, reluctantly leave a certain Junior.

We, Barbara Cochran and Dorothy Mabe, bequeath to Sue Oxford and Alice Williams our talent in typing.

I, Ethel McFalls, have been persuaded to leave my love for chewing gum to Betty Jo Banks.

I, Jean Beach, unselfishly will and bequeath my brown curls to Mary Jo Greenlee.

I, Evelyn Newton, after much thought, bequeath my place in M. H. S. Band to Betty Rader.

We, William Tolbert and Leonard Whisnant, leave our desks in psychology class to two juniors that are as polite and orderly as we.

I, LaVone Orders, willingly pass on to Maxine Rader my cheery chuckle.

I, Clarence Orders, am willing to share my wood-working talent with John Hawes.

I, Betty McKnight, have decided to part with my blush; therefore I will it to a likely junior, Pat Markas.

I, Marjorie Bowers, regretfully leave my trusty moccasins to Ann Bigham with the hope that she will give them the care and treatment that they have been used to.

I, Joe Secrest, do bequeath some of my musical talent to Charles Rudicil with the request that he do it justice.

I, Bessie Marie Hallyburton, leave my willingness to help to Hazel Leonhardt in the hope that she will help to make the Junior-Senior a big success.

I, Maurice Hill, have decided that my red coat shall go to Lawrence Erwin. This should be most becoming to Ewong.

I, Ann Warlick, do bequeath my southern drawl to Kay Koster.

I, Gerald Queen, will my title of "Choo Choo" to Arnold Whisnant.

I, Frances Easom, after much deliberation have decided that my dignified manner should go to Marjorie Paschall.

I, Wink Smith, leave — period! (Provided my teachers are willing.)

Witnessed by:

"Keyhole"

"Cueball"

"Birdie"

Jody Mundy

Testator



# CLASS PROPHECY

Here it is another rainy Friday in 1958, which takes me back to my high school days. Back then we didn't think it was really Friday unless it was raining. Speaking of school days, I think I shall set up my television screen to see what has happened in the way of careers for my old classmates of '48.

Now, let's see. Whom shall I look in on first? I haven't heard from Dereama Whisenant in ages. Oh, there she is, editor of the *North Carolina Journal*, hurrying home after a lazy day at the office. Her very efficient secretary is Ella Mae Oxford. Some members of her staff are Agnes Crook, the feature editor, and Lena Dula, the poet.

Let's take a "peep" at Kathie Storey and Mabel Bollinger, who are now famous, modeling the latest styles designed by Betty Jane Hawkins.

Order in the courtroom; the judge wants to speak. Hey! That judge looks very familiar. Why, it's none other than Max Jacquins . . . and there is Frances Easom, the leading lawyer. She was always good at arguing. Sheriff Mickey Rankin is guarding the prisoner.

Who is that over there? No, it isn't . . . yes, it is too . . . Betty Sue Braswell, who has just returned from

a tour of Europe. That's Nina Belle Lane with her. She has just completed a course in music in Paris and has returned to teach in the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Say! What's all the crowd about? Oh, it's Sue Barnwell campaigning for Martha Byrd, who is now running for president of the United States. Some candidates for congress are Joe Ward, Jackie Hogan, and Myrtle Walker.

Madison Square Gardens . . . look who just won the All-American basketball cup . . . the girls' team coached by Margaret Cuthbertson. The trophy was presented by Jack Branch, an All-American baseball star.

Edward Teague has patented a new brand of soap suds . . . for cleaner, whiter, more sparkling clothes, buy a box of his "Dustoff" today. His chemist assistant is Merle Clay.

A teachers' convention in Chicago . . . wonder if I know anyone here? Yes, there are Anna Lee Henderson, Mary Louise Grady, and Agnes Cloer.

Symboline Grady and Edith Curtis certainly know the way to a man's heart. They're dietitians at the Empire State Building now.

Let's nose around Hollywood . . . there are Sara and Sadie Fox playing

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leading roles in "The Twins." Marguerite Faulkner and Taru Palmer are the leading stars of MGM's latest production. The hottest orchestra in Hollywood is directed by Charles Carter. Fred Secrest plays the solo cornet, and Harold Hicks plays the bass horn in this orchestra. Norma Jean Welborn is their talented vocalist.

San Francisco, California . . . Sue Curlee and Mary Jane Ross have just set sail for China, where they will begin their duties as missionaries.

Jody Mundy is a "school marm" now. She has fifty in her second grade class. Allen Williams is the principal, who makes them walk the chalk-line and gives orders to Gaynell Mull, his secretary. Martha Patton is the school superintendent.

Extra! Read all about it! Julia Garrison has just been selected "Miss America", and Lillian Swink was selected fourth best woman in America, 1958.

Guess who the new minister is! Robert Byrd, and he is really everyone's favorite. His director of religious education is Maxine Morris. Eloise Orders is the choir director, and Grace Jahn is the organist. Pretty good set-up, eh?

Some of the girls find matrimony a pleasant occupation . . . Barbara

Keaton, Connie Gragg, and Joan LaFevers are living happily in their little mansions.

Duke Hospital . . . well, what have we here? . . . Stanley Moore, following in his father's footsteps, is the head man. The head nurse, who has worked her way into the hearts of her patients, is Nina Belle Mabe. Barbara Henderson is the nurses' instructress.

Charlotte, N. C. Peggy Fox and Helen Carswell are joint owners of the swankiest beauty shop in town. Great day! What is that over there? Why, it's the new night club owned and operated by W. A. Hord. L. C. Harrill was the architect for this building. Betty Williams and Virginia Singleton are very successful waitresses in the S & W Cafeteria, which is owned by Robert Fleming.

Betty Crawley is an accountant to a large firm in Asheville. Eva Garrison and Marie Draughon are secretaries in prominent law offices in this city. Doing okay, aren't they?

Holy cow! That's unbelievable! I just saw Mack Duckworth piloting a big transport plane to Washington. The airline hostesses are Mary Graham and Viola Dale, and the plane mechanic is Clarence Arney. Keep 'em flying, gang!

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Russia and the United States are on friendly terms once more, since Gene Evans has become official diplomat of the United States. By the way, did you know that Silas Dale is governor of North Carolina? His private secretary is Earline Clontz.

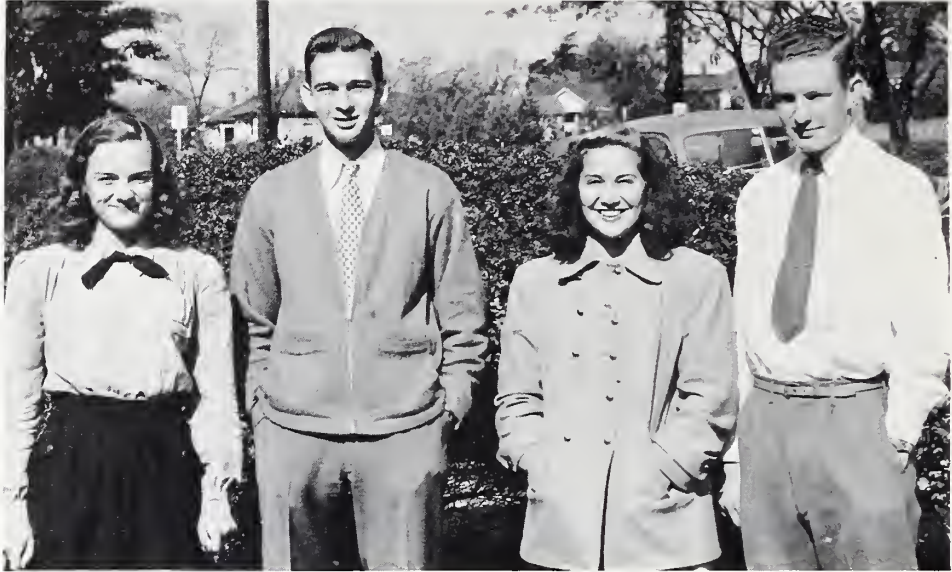
Morganton, N. C. I'll give you three guesses to identify the new owner of the pool room. You guessed it . . . David Peeler. His helpers are Paul Fox and Frank Garrison. Dick Sigmon now owns the soda shop, and Jimmy Davis owns the Mimosa Theater. His competition, which has recently sprung up, is the Canova Theater operated by Jimmy Connelly. Oliver Poteat is the town physician, and his private nurse is Frieda Mull.

The screen now shows a world of happiness and success, and that is exactly what I am wishing all my classmates of '48. May you have the best of everything in your participation in the future world.

Marjorie Bowers  
Prophet



# *Juniors*



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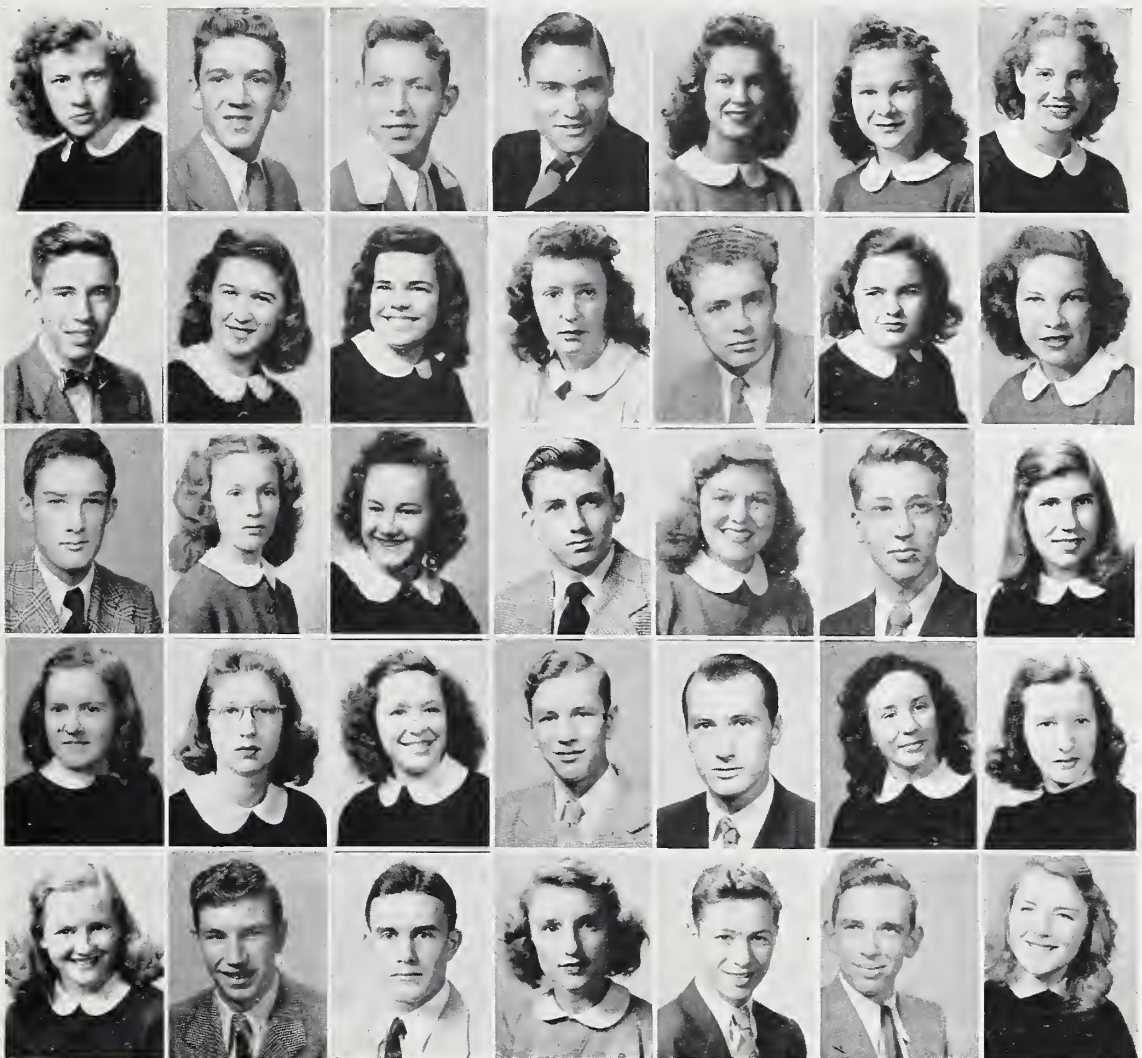
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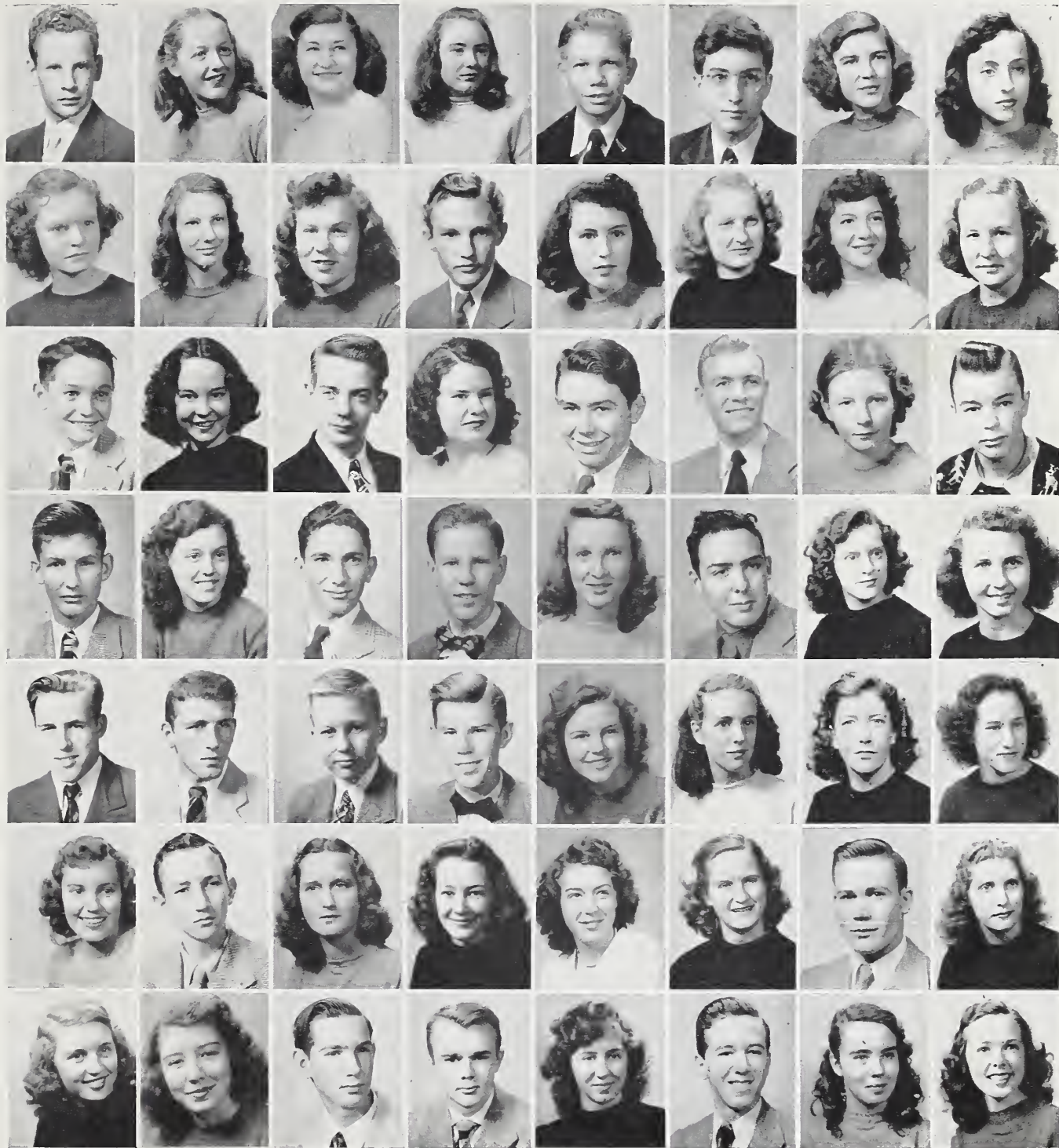


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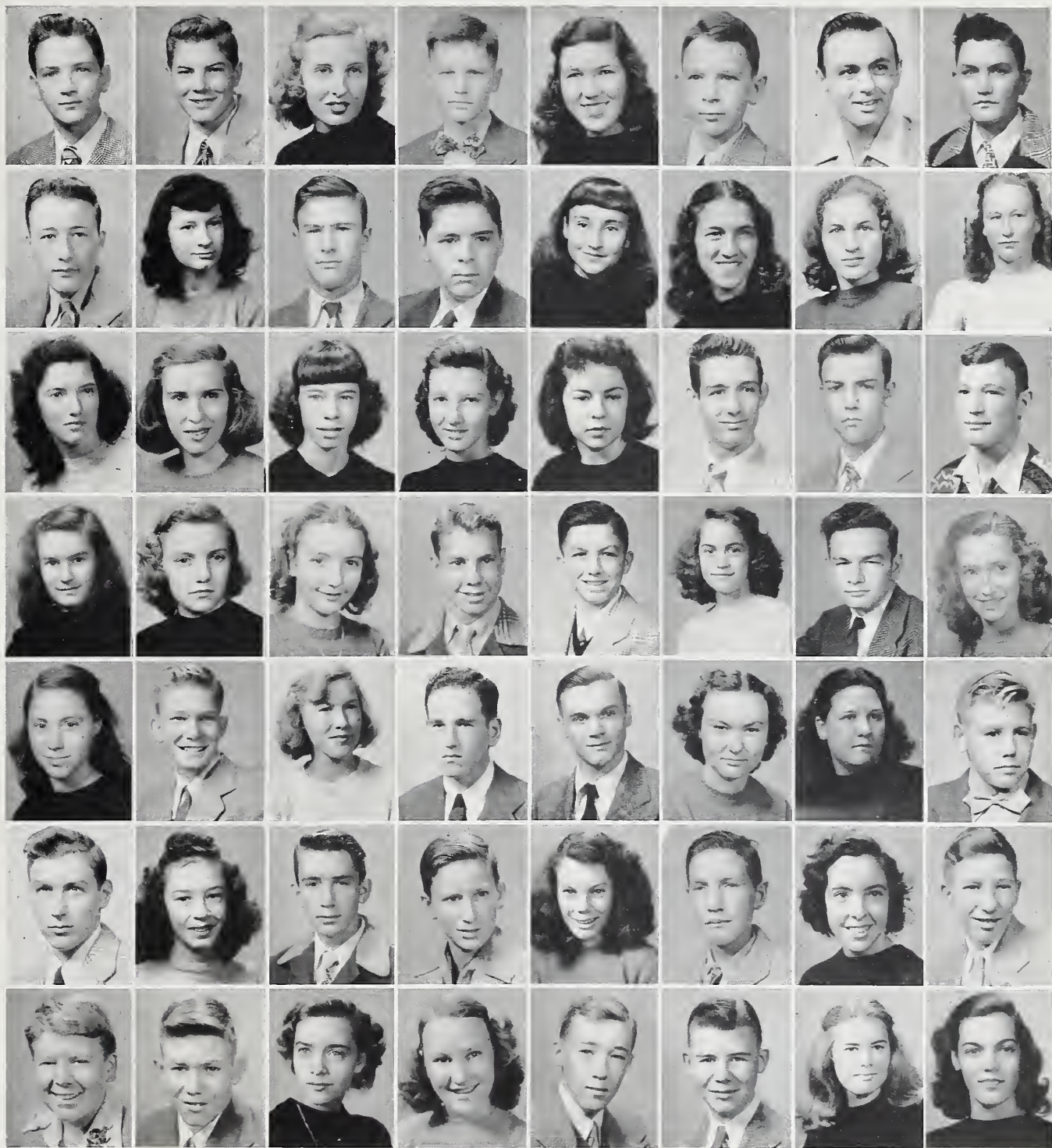


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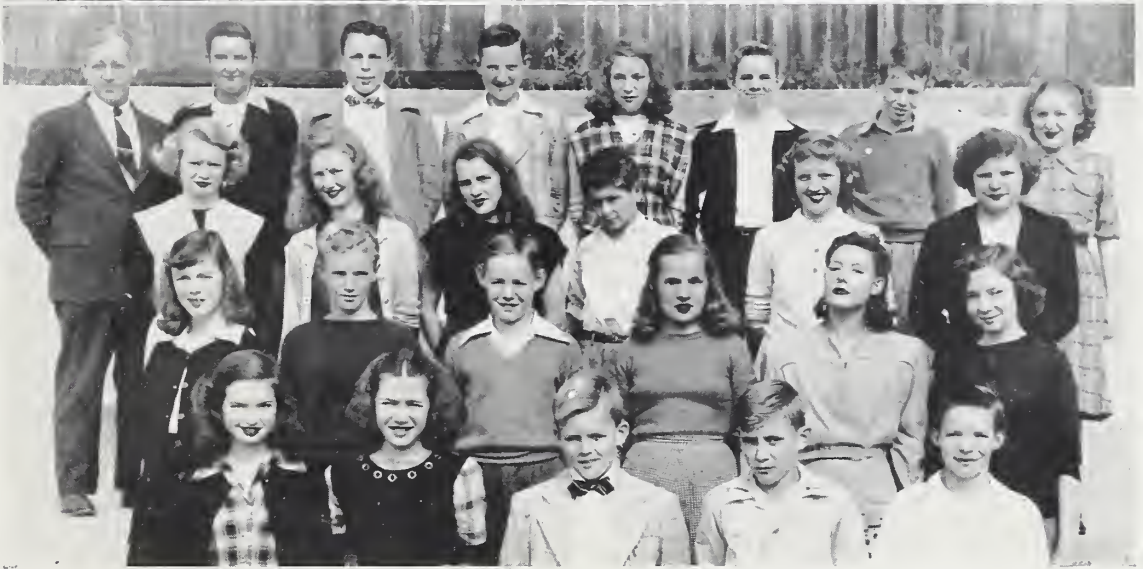


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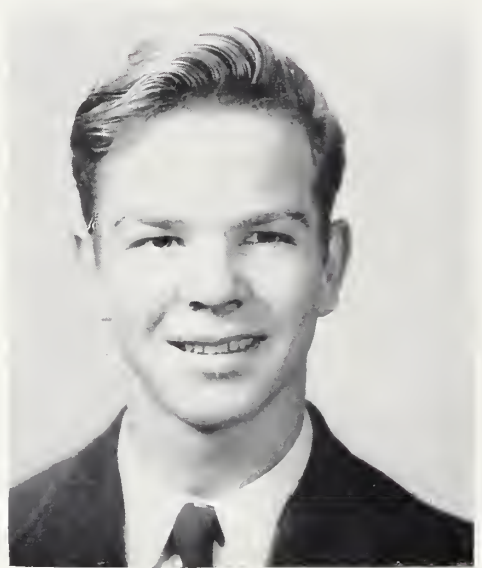
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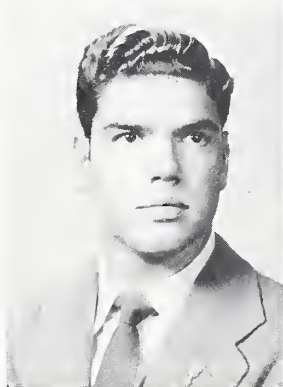
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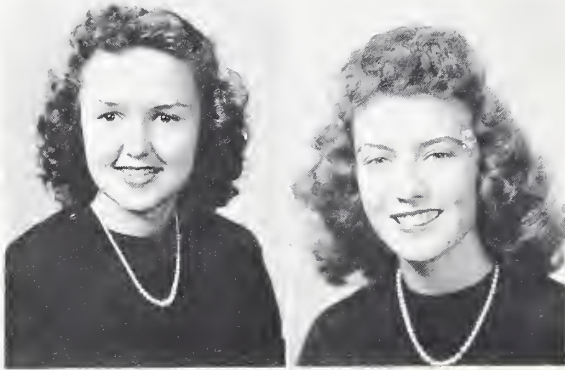
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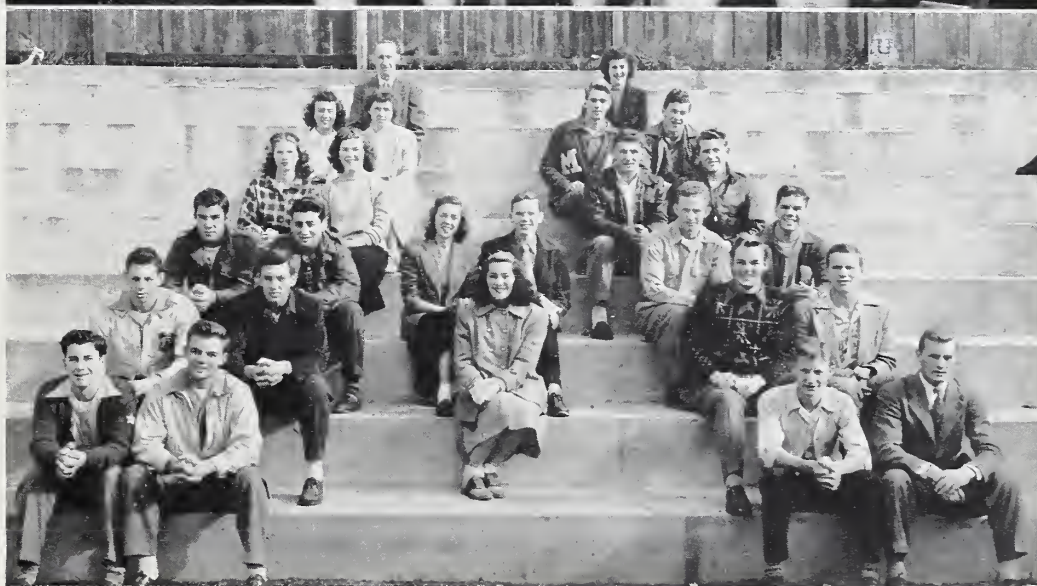
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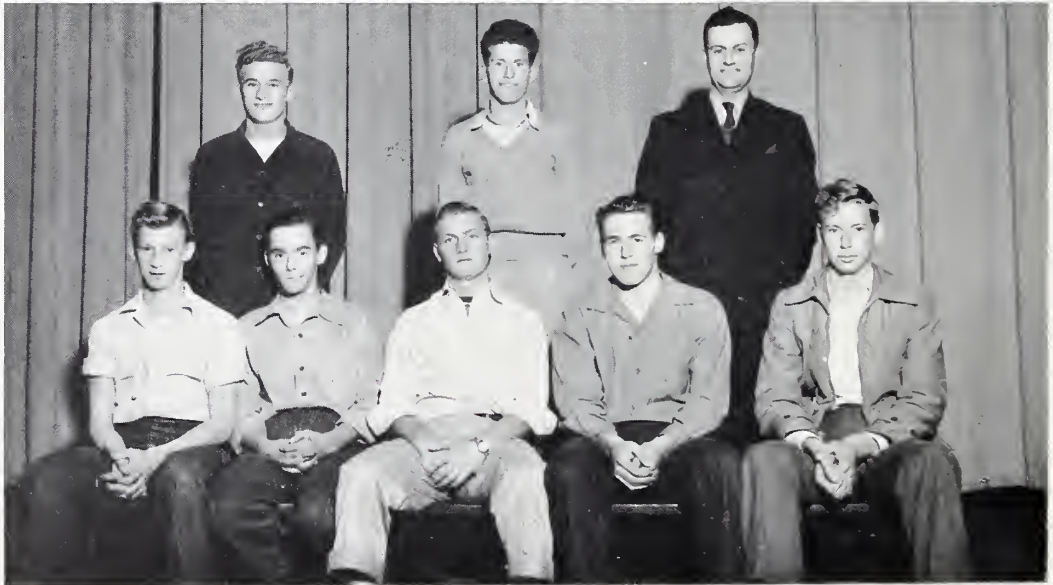
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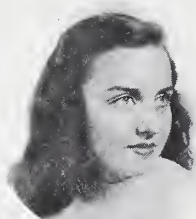


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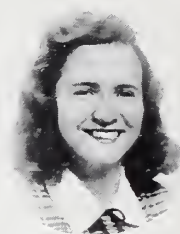
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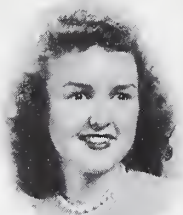
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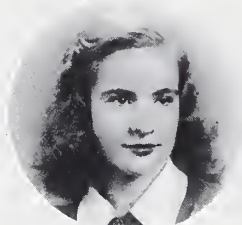
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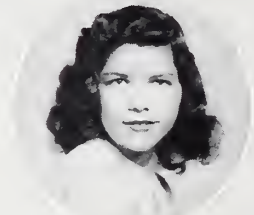
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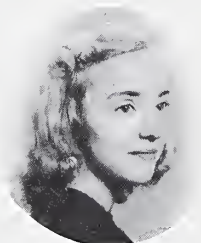
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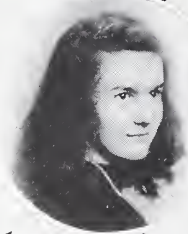
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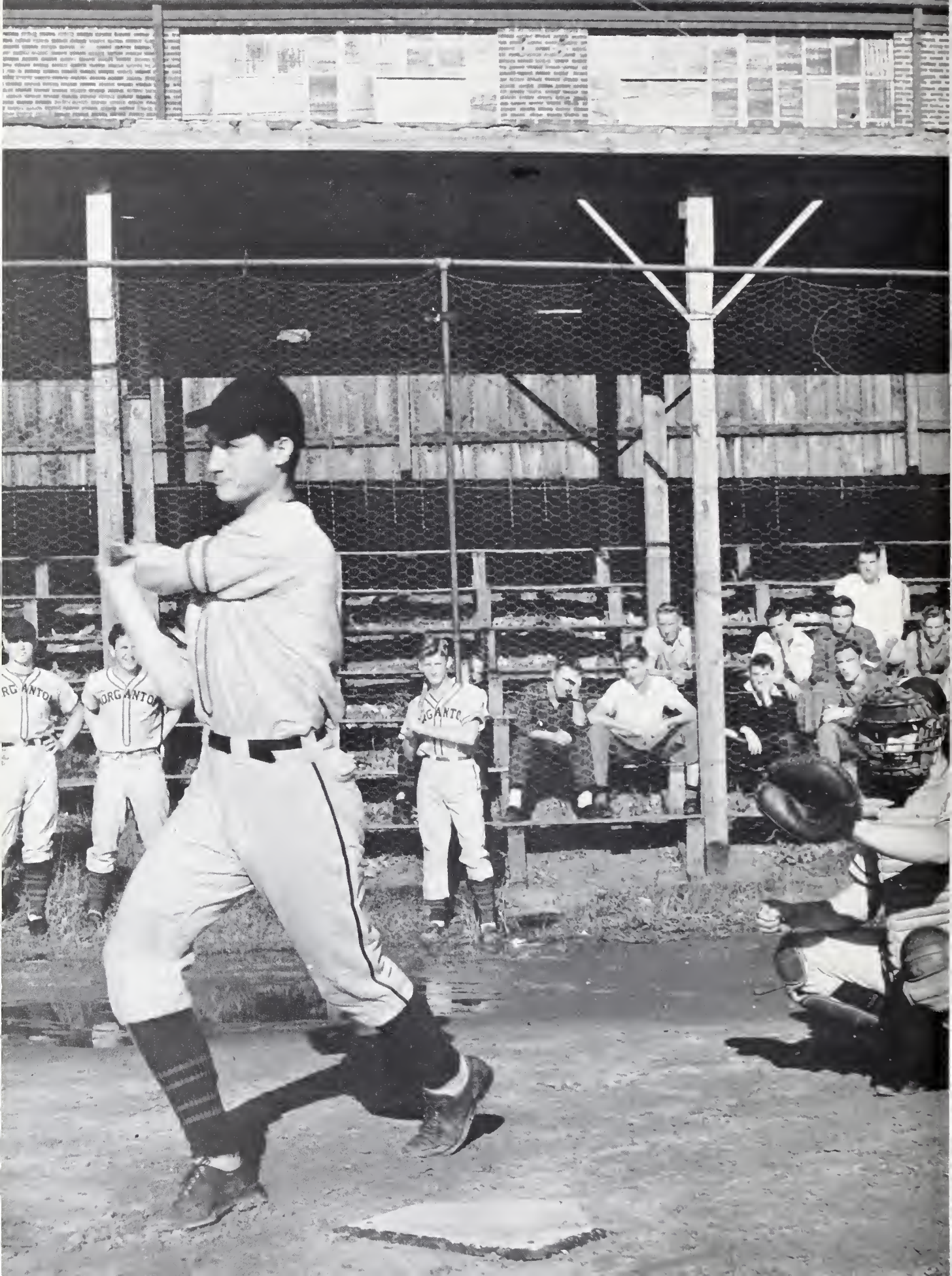
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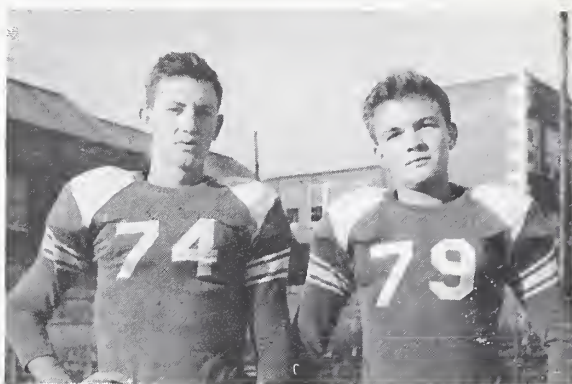
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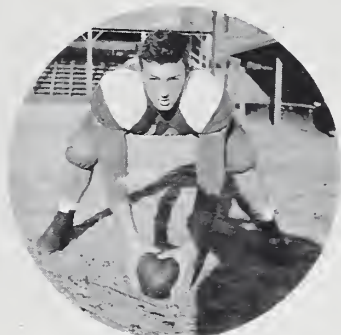
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Morganton . . 12	Marion . . . . . 6
Morganton . . 33	Newton . . . . . 0
Morganton . . 13	Lenoir . . . . . 0
Morganton . . 32	N.C.S.D. . . . . 0
Morganton . . 27	Forest City . . 0
Morganton . . 6	Shelby . . . . . 19
LION'S BOWL	
Morganton . . 0	Lexington . . . 6
220	37

## SUMMARY OF SEASON

Starting off a brand new season, with a record of fifteen consecutive games won, the Morganton Wildcats buckled down to make this season one of the best the school has ever known.

The Wildcats played Brevard for the first game of the season and came home with a 21-6 victory. Queen made the first score of the season, with Hart and Stratton following up.

Coffey and Queen each scored once in the Barium Springs game, the first home game of the season. The final score was 12-0.

The rainy night of October 3rd saw the Wildcats make a 20-0 victory over Cherryville. Hart, Stratton, and Helms scored, with Stratton kicking two extra points.

The second conference game proved to be our highest score of the season—44-0 against Kings Mountain. There was a score in every quarter, with Coffey over the line once, and Hart, Stratton, and Helms each scoring twice.

One of the most exciting games of the year ended with the Wildcats victorious over Marion 12-6. Marion took the lead for a while, but Helms and Hart, backed by beautiful playing, ran the score up for a Wildcat victory.

Hart scored twice, Smith and Stratton each once, and Stratton passed to Coffey, making a total of five touchdowns scored against Newton for the Wildcats' twenty-first win.

## SUMMARY OF SEASON—Continued

Halloween night the Wildcats played Lenoir in Lenoir. Fans were worried when the score at the half was 0-0, but Coffey and a Helms-Erwin pass made the victory.

Undaunted by pouring rain, Morganton ran up a 32-0 win over N.C.-S.D. Coffey scored three times, Helms, twice.

The Homecoming game against Forest City was also played in a down-pour. Helms, Coffey, Stratton, and Queen did the scoring, and the game ended 27-0 in our favor.

The highly anticipated game with undefeated Shelby marked the end of

the Wildcats' record of twenty-four straight wins. Helms made a spectacular touchdown run on the first kickoff of the game, but Shelby fought back and won the game 19-6 for the Western Conference title.

The following Saturday the Wildcats met the Lexington Yellow Jackets in Hickory for the Lion's Bowl Game. After a hard game between two evenly matched teams Lexington scored, and the game ended in their favor 6-0.

Morganton students and fans are proud of their team this year and are looking forward to seeing some more grand playing next year.

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## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 2.....	Taylorsville .....	Home
Jan. 6.....	N.C.S.D. ....	Home
Jan. 9.....	Lenoir .....	Home
Jan. 12.....	Lincolnton .....	Home
Jan. 13.....	Newton .....	There
Jan. 16.....	Hickory .....	Home
Jan. 20.....	N.C.S.D. ....	Home
Jan. 23.....	Hendersonville .....	There
Jan. 27.....	Newton .....	Home
Feb. 3.....	Lincolnton .....	There
Feb. 6.....	Hickory .....	There
Feb. 17.....	Lenoir .....	There
Feb. 24.....	Hendersonville .....	Home



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